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1. SUMMARY: PNG MINISTER FOR DEFENSE AND FOREIGN
AFFIARS ALBERT MAORI KIKI CONCLUDED FIVE-DAY
VISIT TO JAKARTA DEC 19. DURING PRIVATE CONVERSATION
WITH MALIK LATTER OFFERED TO SPONSOR PNG MEMBERSHIP IN
ASEAN. KIKI'S RESPONSE WAS NON COMMITTAL. AT PRESS

CONFERENCE KIKI ANNOUNCED PNG WOULD OPEN CONSULATE IN
JAKARTA BY MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR. END SUMMARY.

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2. DURING FIVE-DAY VISIT KIKI MET WITH PRESIDENT

SUHARTO, FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK, DEFENSE MINISTER

PANGGABEAN AND SEVERAL OTHERS. ACCORDING AUSTRALIAN EMBOFF SESSION WITH SUHARTO YIELDED LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE BUT FOLLOWING POINTS EMERGED FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH MALIK AND AT KIKI'S PRE-DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE DEC 19:

A. ASEAN MEMBERSHIP. ACCORDING AUSTRALIAN EMBOFF MALIK RAISED QUESTION OF PNG MEMBERSHIP IN ASEAN AND SAID INDONESIA WILLING TO SPONSOR SUCH MEMBERSHIP. HE ADDED THAT GOI HAD ALREADY EXPLORED THIS POSSIBILITY WITH MALAYSIA AND PHILIPPINES AND THAT PRELIMINARY REACTION OF BOTH HAD BEEN FAVORABLE. KIKI'S RESPONSE WAS THAT PNG WOULD WAIT AND SEE REGARDING ASEAN MEMBERSHIP (SIMILARHAO HIS PUBLIC REACTION REGARDING PNG MEMBERSHIP IN POSSIBLE SUB-REGIONAL GROUPING-SEE REF A.)

B. PNG MISSION IN JAKARTA. KIKI TOLD PRESS CONFERENCE PNG WOULD OPEN SOME SORT OF CONSULATE IN JAKARTA IN MID-1974. AUSTRALIAN EMBOFF SAID IT WOULD BE A CONSULATE GENERAL AND WOULD BE ATTACHED TO AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY UNTIL PNG'ERS CAN ACQUIRE OWN SITE IN JAKARTA.

C. REGIONAL PHILOSOPHY. THRUST OF KIKI PRESENTATION BOTH PRIVATELY AND PUBLICLY WAS THAT PNG FEELS ITSELF TO BE PRIMARILY A PACIFIC (AS OPPOSED TO SOUTHEAST ASIAN) NATION BUT HOPES THAT INDONESIA, BEING PNG'S BIGGEST AND CLOSEST NEIGHBOR, WILL ACT AS "BRIDGE TO SOUTHEAST ASIA" FOR PNG.

D. IRIAN JAYA-PNG RELENTS. KIKI DESCRIBED PROGRESS ON BORDER ISSUES INCLUDING FREEDOM OF PASSAGE FOR BORDER-DWELLING POPULATIONS AS SET FORTH IN RECENT INDONESIA-PNG BORDER AGREEMENT(REF B). IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION AS TO WHETHER PNG OPEN TO "IMMIGRATION" FROM INDONESIA, KIKI IMPLIED THAT ONLY SKILLED INDIVIDUALS WOULD BE WELCOME TO ENTER, AND SAID THAT ANYONE WITH A COMMUNIST BACKGROUND WOULD

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DEFINITELY NOT BE WELCOME. HE ALSO TOLD PRESS THAT THERE ARE NOW 560 IRIANESE IN PNG, SOME OF THEM SKILLED, AND "WE ARE TELLING THESE PEOPLE TO GO BACK TO THEIR OWN PART OF THE ISLAND AND HELP TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN PLACES". KIKI SAID PNG WOULD WELCOME STEPPED-UP CULTURAL EXCHANGES WITH INDONESIA AND TOLD PRESS THAT FOUR PNG OFFICERS WILL BE ATTENDING INDONESIAN ARMY

COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE IN BANDUNG.
3. COMMENT: ACCORDING AUSTRALIANS, KIKI'S PERFORMANCE
WAS PROFESSIONAL THROUGHOUT AND INDONESIAN ARRANGEMENTS
WERE EXCELLENT DESPITE FACT THEIR FACILITIES
SOMEWHAT STRAINED BY CONCURRENT VISIT OF NEW ZEALAND
PM KIRK. OTHER PNG VISITORS HERE RECENTLY INCLUDED
16 AM PARLIMENTARY DELEGATION (DEC 6-12) AND
MINISTER FOR POLICE, CULTURE AND RECREATION PETER
LUS WHO HAS BEEN ATTENDING YOGJAKARLK CULTURAL
CONFERENCE. NOT ALL OF THESE GENTLEMEN HAVE PERFORMED
AS SMOOTHLY AS KIKI BUT, DESPITE SOME AUSTRALIAN QUALMS,
NONE HAS OPENLY VOICED SYMPATHY FOR IRIANESE
SEPARATISM EITHER.
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